

## **News Release**

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## McNary Dam's powerhouse visitor center opens Aug. 6

**Walla Walla, Wash.** – The powerhouse visitor center at McNary Dam will reopen to the public Aug. 6, according to officials from the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers here.

The visitor center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. McNary's powerhouse visitor center contains many historical artifacts from the dam's construction period and allows visitors a behind-the-glass, inside view of the generators.

The main entrance to the powerhouse is across the parking lot from the Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center on the Oregon side of McNary Dam. Dam officials advise that visitors may experience short delays at security access points.

"The guards have other duties, so we're asking visitors to be patient with any delays at the security gates," said Pasquale Anolfo, a park ranger at McNary.

Visitors will be required to park their vehicle outside the security fence and check in through the security gate near the visitor center. Visitor badges issued at the guard station must be worn at all times. Visitors will not be allowed to bring in purses, bags, cameras, briefcases and similar items into the visitor centers. These items cannot be checked in with the security guards and should be left in visitors' vehicles. Visitors will be allowed only in the visitor centers. All the other areas of the dams and related facilities will remain open only to Corps employees or other authorized individuals.

Visitor center access at the dams is subject to change without notice.

For more information about visiting the powerhouse or other recreation opportunities at McNary Dam, call (541) 922-2268.